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RESPOND TO: HUNTINGTON BEACH

February 17, 2004

Mail Stop Patent Application
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Commissioner:

Enclosed is a petition to make special for:

Applicant: Dean E. Bessette

Application: PUSH OFF DIVERTER FOR SORTATION SYSTEM

PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL BECAUSE OF APPLICANTS AGE
37 CFR 1.102 (c) and MPEP 708.02 IV

Applicant hereby petitions to make this application special because applicant is over 65 years of age.

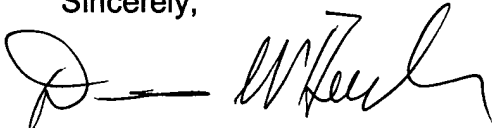
As a showing of this fact, accompanying this petition is:

A declaration by the applicant that he/she is over 65 years of age.

No fee is required with this petition in accordance with 37 CFR 1.102 (c).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure